

Wanderers Baulked In Cup Semi-Final

Wealdstone 1; Wycombe 1.

A GOAL three minutes from the end by Wealdstone left-winger Vivian Evans, foiled Wycombe Wanderers in a fitting finale to an exciting A.F.A. semi-final at Wealdstone on Tuesday night.

Under newly-opened floodlights—and a constant sheet of rain—the standard of play was extremely high and a draw was the fairest result.

Wealdstone could have had the game sewn up by half-time but for some poor shooting and many brilliant saves by Ken Brown. Twice in the first few minutes Brown dived fearlessly at the feet of the onrushing forwards and he made several full-length dives to tip shots round the post.

But it was by no means one-way traffic. Paul Bates, showing

tremendous speed and skill, put in some tremendous shots and Tommy Holmes chipped a beautiful shot just over the bar.

After an exciting goalless first half, Wycombe took the lead mid-way through the second half, just as Wealdstone were beginning to get on top. Len Worley put over a corner and Holmes, racing in sent it crashing home.

Play became fast and furious as the crowd urged on the home team for an equaliser—which eventually came when Evans sent in a dipping shot which went over the out-stretched hands of Brown.

Of the Wycombe side, Bates was far and away the best forward, but Tony Horseman played very well in the second half. Holmes showed some nice touches but tended to slow down the line. Blair, although the conditions were against him, and Len Worley, making his reappearance, were disappointing.